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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

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- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

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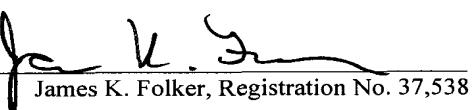
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